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WILL DANES REPLACE US IN BRITISH BACON MARKET?

Federation Endorses Feed Bank Principle

LEGISLATION WILL
BE NECESSARY IF
TO BE EFFECTIVE

Would Be "Safety Valve" and
Not Relief Measure, Dis-
cussions Show

GUARANTEE NEEDED

Believe Would Cost Govern-
ment Nothing over Years
—Minister Gives View

Setting up of a feed bank to meet the needs of areas short of feed grain from time to time was endorsed in principle by the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

In the general interest of the Province it was thought advisable to provide some such safeguard, in order that when a shortage exists in Alberta, feed grain will not be shipped out of the Province to such an extent as to cause livestock and poultry to suffer as a result of grain not being available.

To Explore With Interested Bodies

This decision was made in accordance with a recommendation from the Board of Directors; and the Board was authorized to explore, with interested bodies, the possibility of implementing such a policy. Bodies specifically mentioned were the Provincial Government, Canadian Wheat Board, Rural Municipal Associations, Elevator Companies, with the possibility of others. The Board was authorized to give such assistance as it can.

Very Thorough Discussion

Very thorough discussion took place on the proposal, President Marler at the outset pointing out that the areas of shortage are in different places at different times. "We visualize," he said, "that the Municipalities, through their Service Boards, could probably get the estimated requirements of their districts. They would know probably the number of bushels of feed grain and the kind that should be held." It was also thought that the Municipality could be the immediate body to authorize the releasing of a part or all of grain so held at any time they felt conditions warranted. It

Skilful Evacuation Saves Army Equipment



By skilful handling of the co-operating services (army, navy and air force) and hard fighting against greatly superior numbers, evacuation of U.S., British and allied soldiers who had been trapped in North-East Korea was carried out over a period of some two weeks with great success. About 105,000 fighting men and 100,000 civilians were evacuated. The picture shows a group of UN troops going off the dock at Hungnam, into an awaiting LST, near the end of the operation. The troops have been redeployed with the armies meeting the new attack of North Koreans and Chinese south of the 38th parallel.

Britain's Contribution to Colombo Plan

LONDON, Eng. — As her contribution to the Colombo plan, Britain will release sterling balances totalling £246 millions. This action will allow India, Pakistan and Ceylon to buy from Britain, over the next six years, much-needed capital goods and plant. For Britain, these will be exports made without equivalent imports.

could accept a good deal of the responsibility.

In reply to a question raised by Emil Cammaert, the President said he believed the Municipality would have to estimate storage. It was not intended to inconvenience any of the elevators, but between the Municipality and the Provincial Government some provision might be made for the holding of grain. Improvement districts might require special consideration.

Legislation Necessary

That legislation would be necessary

Estimated Drop in Value of Field Crops

OTTAWA, Ont. — Gross value of Alberta's field crop production in 1950 is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at \$249,823,000, a drop of 6 per cent from last year. Saskatchewan showed a drop of 9 per cent, and Manitoba of 20 per cent, while the biggest decrease was in Prince Edward Island — 30 per cent. Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia had increases of 4 to 13 per cent, but the country as a whole had a decrease of 4 per cent.

to deal with the problem was emphasized by Chas. P. Hayes of Strome, President of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, and Mr. Marler agreed. The Service Board would not be likely, said Mr. Hayes, to have full coverage at any time and some other medium would have to be established by the Municipalities. If the Province were going to assume responsibility, the scheme had a lot of merit, but it

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DEADLOCK CAUSES THIS QUESTION TO ARISE IN OTTAWA

Gardiner Outlines Negotiations
—Support Board to Maintain
Price to Farmers

IMPASSE REACHED

British Buying Danish Bacon
Below 29c, and no Atlantic
Freight Charges

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery

OTTAWA, January 3rd. — There is still nothing very definite decided about the British contract for bacon. Negotiations seem to be pretty well at a deadlock, and unless this deadlock is broken, it looks as if Canada's place in the British market for 1951 will be abandoned to the Danes.

This unfortunate situation has arisen from a number of causes. The progress of the negotiations and their present stalemate has been described by the Minister of Agriculture in the following terms:

History of Negotiations

"Some weeks ago the British Ministry of Food offered to buy up to 130,000,000 pounds in 1951 at a price of 29 cents a pound for Grade A Wiltshires delivered to Canadian seaboard. This is the same price as was paid for 1950 purchases. In addition to the amount paid by the British Ministry, the Government of Canada added 3½ cents a pound to make the effective seaboard price 32½ cents a pound.

"Although it has been pointed out in several discussions that Canadian hog prices have often been higher than the equivalent of \$32.50 for Wiltshire sides, and that consequently there appeared to be little hope of obtaining substantial supplies at a lower price, the British Ministry has not offered to pay more than 29 cents."

"After considering all the facts the Government has decided to authorize the Agricultural Support Board to offer to buy at prices calculated to return to the producer per pound for Grade A hogs the equivalent of the amount he would have received had Wiltshire sides been sold to Britain at \$32.50 delivered at Canadian seaboard.

Don't Expect Important Quantities

"Since present market prices for Canadian pork are higher than the level at which the Board is authorized to buy, it is not expected that any important quantities of product will be delivered to the Board. However, until further details are worked out, the Meat Board will continue to accept any Wiltshires that may be offered at a base price of \$32.50. Any quantities purchased will be made available to the British or others to meet their re-

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Increasing demand for oil flax products is encouraging growers in Western Canada to retain their own seed and increase their acreage, states the Production Service of the Canada Department of Agriculture.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



A Message to Young Farmers CONGRATULATIONS...

By LESTER F. ZIEGLER

Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in a recent issue of the "Creamery Co-operator", edited by Mr. L. F. Ziegler, who is also Advertising Manager for the Challenge Cream and Butter Association of Los Angeles, Calif.

The advice given by Mr. Ziegler to shed the light of publicity on the benefits and achievements of farm co-operatives is applicable to most farmers' co-operative marketing organizations, whose experience and problems are almost identical.

IN the business of co-operative farm endeavor in America, most of the fanfare of "selling" took place about fifty years ago. Those turn - of - the - century boys really pounded the back roads to talk and sell co-operation as the one salvation for the American Farmer, and sell they did!

Stayed Sold, but Drums Fading

For the last half century these original co-operators have stayed sold, because the drum beating was HONESTY, the showmanship was REASON, the glaring gas light was NEED, and the prancing medicine show was THE PRODUCT; a workable and mutually beneficial method whereby farmers could control and operate their own business.

Now, sadly, after fifty years, those early co-operators are retiring or passing from active participation in the field of agriculture. With them the drums are fading, the showmanship loses its vigor, the gas lights dim, and the medicine shows no longer shatter the night on Main Street.

Youth Slides Into Saddle

In the land of Agriculture, U.S.A. youth is sliding into the saddle; a youth that possesses excellent general education, exceptional practical and theoretical vocational training, a vast knowledge of the world through military experience, plus a strong conviction that agriculture offers them the greatest opportunity for success and lifetime security. Yet, despite these splendid advantages, the younger farmers of today apparently fail to comprehend why co-operation among farm producers was conceived, the sweeping benefits co-operation has achieved for all farmers, or how devastating it would be for every farmer if our great co-opera-

The youngsters from Alberta who took part in the national junior judging contests at Toronto are to be congratulated on the fine showing they made.

True, they didn't all bring home first prizes; but they were all in there pitching and every single team upheld the reputation of this Province as a producer of fine farm products and fine farm people.

The teams are now home after an exciting time at Canada's big Royal Winter Fair and they have been busy visiting the Junior Clubs, telling of their experiences. We have been privileged to listen to them on several occasions, and their enthusiasm has been infectious, and many a youngster has been thoroughly sold on the idea of making the team next year.



tives were not in existence to-day.

I believe most younger farmers lack understanding of co-operatives because they were handed to them on the proverbial "silver platter". They didn't have to fight for them, as did their fathers.

Sure, I know. Some of these young fellows come back with the answer, "Why should I bother joining the co-op? I get the same return from the competition—maybe a fraction more." That's a fast off-the-cuff comeback that is strictly juvenile!

Let's Tell 'Em

I think it's time again to dig out the old drums — Big Ones! I'd like to see every present co-operative member, no matter whether he is a dairyman, cattleman, walnut grower or sheep man, stir up some goshawful noise about the co-operatives to these uninformed young fellers. Let them find out from someone who knows.

1. Let's tell them about the returns and conditions for

farmers before the co-operatives were organized in your area.

2. Let's tell them of the asinine stupidity and dollar and cents loss of building plants and buying facilities for someone else, instead of for themselves!

3. Let's tell them that no matter what returns they may be receiving from someone else, it is only equal to the co-operatives because THEY HAVE TO.

4. Let's tell them that if their returns are better than from the co-operative, it's only

INCOME TAX

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because of a temporary effort to damage or destroy the co-operative.

5. Let's tell them that the mere existence of a co-operative in their area is the world's best insurance policy that they will receive fair returns on their produce, whether they are co-operative members, or not.

6. Let's have some of the old-timers relate how returns materially improved overnight when co-operatives were established in a territory.

7. Let's tell them that every farmer benefits tremendously from the presence of a co-operative, because they establish the standards that all others must meet.

8. Let's tell them that if they are not co-operative members they are taking a free ride on the benefits of co-operation, yet they own or realize nothing from that other business.

That's a lot of "Let's tell 'em", but if that is what it takes to clearly present the merits of co-operation to our younger farmers — "Let's tell 'em!"

I want some of you veteran

Where the Money Goes

Canadians spend almost four times as much money on hard and soft drinks and tobacco as they do on bread and milk.

Here are some figures on Canadian expenditures in 1947, as assembled by "The Maritime Co-operator":

Milk and Cream	\$163,335,000
Bread	79,139,000
Soft Drinks	46,000,000
Alcoholic Drinks	536,000,000
Tobacco	339,559,000

Says the "Co-operator": "Did you ever hear the argument that someone simply had to have more pay because the price of liquor and tobacco has gone up?"

co-operators to make some noise about this subject. Selling an idea or a plan takes time and work. Even Christianity itself has had to be sold every day for centuries.

Drag out those tubs and whack away at them. Even the greatest truths need a lot of showmanship and racket to enable them to reach fertile ground. For young farmer producers, this is the biggest, most wonderful story you could tell.

thing wrong with the act, which he regarded as an honest effort to end overlapping. It did not involve increased expenditure.

In Ben Plumer's judgment the consulting of the people before applying it was a sound policy. The act provided for a plebiscite after four years, but in that time so many financial and other commitments would have been made by a county that he did not see how its setting up could be reversed. The average ratepayer would like to have a chance to vote before the change was made. Almost every farm organization favored the terms of this resolution. Mr. Plumer believed that the majority of the people in the room were representatives of substantial organizations in the Province and held responsible positions. As for himself, when his organization gave him directions to support a policy, the only thing he could do was to support it. "For this reason," he concluded, "I am asking that the referendum be held."

Increased Responsibilities

With increasing responsibilities placed upon him — and under this act schools added to roads and all the rest — Mr. Plumer could not see how a councillor could attend to his own affairs and have an intelligent knowledge of council work.

Had the time come when a municipal civil service of experts could be afforded — hired experts? — was one question asked of the delegates. If not, the logical thing was to vote down the county system.

Mr. Harris moved that the resolution be tabled for further study. He did not feel he could take a definite stand at the moment. (The motion was lost, as was another to refer the matter to the Board.)

Two great weaknesses of the act, Mr. Hays believed, were the co-opting of a body to look after education (appointment by councils) and the provision that a plebiscite would be held after four years instead of before the act was brought into operation in any area. He agreed with Mr. Plumer that the people should be consulted first.

Louis Normandeau agreed that the "co-opting" plan was undemocratic. He supported the resolution.

Good Looker and Champion Too



Here's the kind of cow all dairymen are trying to raise. Officially approved as "Excellent", which makes her one of Canada's top Holsteins as far as her form and figure is concerned, she has just proven that she is no mere glamor girl by smashing Canadian, American and World production records. Owned by J. E. Houck, Brampton, Ont., she is named Re-Echo May Burke, and has just produced in a year a total of 14,126 quarts of milk (officially 35,314 lbs. milk and 1,260 lbs. fat), or an average of 39 quarts a day. In doing so she established the following records: Canadian Champion for yearly milk production regardless of age or times milked daily; Champion of the Americas for yearly milk production over all ages on three-times-a-day milking; World Champion milk producer in the over ten-year-old class on three-times-a-day milking. Re-Echo started her record at eleven years of age. In addition, her butterfat record is the largest ever made by a Holstein in Ontario and the third largest ever made in her class in Canada.

First Cost Too High

A resolution from the F.U.A. Convention formed the basis for this decision. "The present scheme for rural electrification," it was stated, "is very unsatisfactory, as the first cost is too high for the average farmer, and the system of individual companies tends to create confusion and inequity in certain areas." The opinion was expressed that "a public authority can develop an efficient and equitable system at a price within the farmers' ability to pay."

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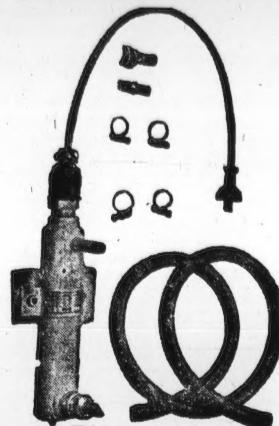
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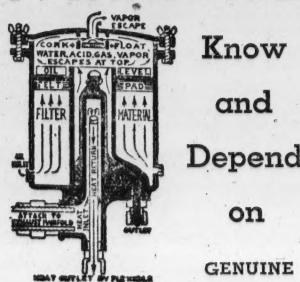
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VITAL TO AGRICULTURE

As the various articles in our current number dealing with the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture bear witness, the Federation is doing a good job for the farm people of this Province.

In respect to several of the most important issues brought before the meeting, detailed studies had been prepared by committees of the Federation. Careful research over a considerable period of time enabled these committees and the Board to lay before the delegates information of great value. The delegates themselves, responsible elected officers in many cases of commercial farmer enterprises and men and women who have given extended service in the primary organization, were able to add knowledge essential to sound decisions. Quite a number of the resolutions that received endorsement, by the way, originated in the Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta. The farmer co-operatives were responsible for many.

For these reasons we have devoted a great part of our space to the A.F.A. Convention. Some further articles on the Convention will appear in our second January number, to be published shortly before the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. At the C.F.A. meeting the decisions of the Provincial units and the Western Agricultural Conference will be considered and co-ordinated. The National policy of the organized farmers of Canada will thus be determined at this gathering for the coming year.

We believe that the decisions of the Canadian Federation will be of vital concern to the farming industry; and we shall therefore endeavor to give extensive reportage to the Convention.

WELL-EARNED AWARD

We extend our congratulations to Orrin Hart of Claresholm, who has been awarded one of the two Nuffield Scholarships in Agriculture allotted to Canada.

The honor and the opportunity have been well earned. Mr. Hart has combined efficient management of his own farming business with conscientious and able service, first in the Junior farm organization and in boys' and girls' club work, and in recent years in senior activities. In Britain he will be able to enlarge his already valuable experience in livestock.

We do not know the winner of the other Nuffield Scholarship, John McLean, of Pictou County, N.S., but his record indicates that he also is well qualified. To both young Canadians we wish a happy sojourn in Britain, profitable in the gaining of new knowledge.

LIGHT ON THE WORLD CRISIS

If we of the Western world are to decide intelligently and wisely our course of action in the world crisis, it is essential that we should be well informed.

The reading of articles expounding the MacArthur school of diplomacy which form the principle content of some of the news magazines which today enjoy the widest circulations in North America may be useful, if we don't stop there; but there is today, inevit-

BRITAIN TODAY

"Our pallid British allies . . ." Life Magazine
Now Britain in her honourable age
Moves calmly as befits the old and wise,
Content to yield the centre of the stage
Where modesty her pride and strength belies.
She listens to the strident voice of youth
Detame her weakness and proclaim her end,
But walks serenely in the certain truth
That justice will at last her cause befriend.

And Britain still, if honest compromise
Avails not war's red avalanche to stay,
With spirit undiminished will arise
And give her all again with no dismay.
But, with the world's life-blood in her veins,
All unconsidered impulse she restrains.
ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

ably, a tendency to over-simplification of the issues.

Americans whose Americanism is beyond question, differ among themselves. Europe and Asia, as well as America, have various points of view, and we should know what these are, even though we may disagree. The wisdom gained by the British during their long history as a world power, and an appreciation of the new forces in an awakening Asia which, for example, India can give — all these can enlarge the field of our vision and enable us to read the daily news with added understanding.

For these reasons we should like to recommend to our readers the enlarged special edition of more than one hundred pages which was published by "The Nation", of New York, on December 16th, in celebration of the Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the foundation of this weekly publication. The contributors are men and women of wide experience. Their manner of approach to today's problems varies, and though they are of course unable, like the rest of us, to give conclusive answers to the questions which face us in world affairs, they may at least help us to ask the right questions.

This Anniversary Number carries on its opening pages a message from President Truman, who writes: "Hearty congratulations to The Nation as it celebrates its eighty-fifth birthday. I have not always agreed with The Nation, but I have never doubted its integrity. I hope that its voice will be lifted for many years to come in behalf of the causes in which it believes — even if they may be unpopular at the time."

Among other messages is one from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who recalls and endorses the message sent by her late husband ten years ago on the occasion of another anniversary, offering congratulations and adding that The Nation "has not seldom vindicated the principles attributed to Voltaire: 'I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it'."

Trygve Lie congratulates The Nation on the dedication of this issue to "a discussion of the basic causes of the conflict between East and West, and an examination of how the conflict may be resolved without sacrifice of the principles which underlie the democratic way of life".

This Anniversary Number is published at 20 cents from the office of The Nation, 20, Vesey St., New York. It is or has been on sale at many newsstands. It is entitled: "Peace With Russia — Can It Be Negotiated?"

Federation Seeks Several Changes in Assistance Act

Amendments in P.F.A.A. Would Alter Basis for Eligibility Under Act

Important changes in the provisions of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act were recommended by the Annual Meeting of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture at its recent sessions in Calgary. The third of these, listed below, to the effect that a farmer who obtains 12 bushels to the acre or more of wheat or equivalent in other grains, be made ineligible though the area in which he farms is eligible for payments, occasioned most discussion, but after very thorough consideration it was almost unanimously endorsed.

The Recommendations

The recommendations, which will be submitted to the Western Agricultural Conference in Calgary two weeks hence, were moved by Mr. Carlyle. They are as follows:

1. That any block of contiguous sections consisting of 18 sections or more should be used as a basis to establish an eligible area.

2. That any area consisting of one section or more contiguous to an eligible area be considered part of the area.

3. That an individual farmer obtaining 12 bushels or more of wheat to the acre or in cases where other grains are used as the equivalent

Forum Chairman



National Farm Radio Forum's new winter program is arousing much interest in farm communities, East and West. Newly elected Chairman of the Forum's Executive Committee, Leonard Harman, is seen above. The Executive is a committee of three appointed by the National Farm Forum Board, and representing Farm Forum's three national sponsors — Canadian Federation of Agriculture; Canadian Association for Adult Education; Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Jas. R. McFall is Forum Secretary for Alberta.

thereof, be ineligible though the area may be eligible.

4. That any area found eligible over a long period of consecutive years receive special consideration by the Dominion and Provincial Governments, directed toward a policy of better land usage of such areas.

5. That a more specific directive be given inspectors on reporting circumstances pertaining to farmers whose primary occupation is farming but who may be obliged to do work off the farm seasonally on a temporary basis for the purpose of procuring a livelihood and defraying operating costs.

Section 3 Strongly Supported

Including Mr. Harris of Peace River, who moved that Section 3 be struck out, two or three delegates contended that it would not prove to be in the best interests of agriculture. It received overwhelming support, however. James R. McFall, Secretary, pointed out that the recommendation was the result of study made by a committee appointed by the Federation, who had heard witnesses in Edmonton and Calgary. As it is now, experience had shown that, thinking in terms of rectangular blocks, an inspector might come to the view that an over-all area was eligible, and then, taking a second look, find a couple of sections with a comparatively high yield within the block, and rule the whole area out.

How Situation Is Aggravated

President Marler pointed out that there had been a great deal of dissatisfaction on the part of individual farmers because the payments could not be worked out on an individual basis. That situation was aggravated when a man within a qualified area harvested say 30 bushels to the acre and could still qualify and get paid, whereas a man outside the area who had only 5 or 6 bushels would not be paid. The full intent of the act, he believed, was to assist those who really needed assistance. Witnesses before the committee had all agreed that there should be a limit to the number of bushels per acre a farmer might harvest while still remaining eligible.

Plans are being completed for the handling of meat shipments from New Zealand to the U.S.

ENDORSE FEED BANK

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would be another matter if the Municipality had to do the financing.

"Safety Valve" — Not Relief Measure

Mr. Marler did not anticipate that the scheme would cost the Government anything over a period of years. This was not a relief measure, but a "safety valve." Any ratepayer would have to pay for what he got.

The Board was only asking the Government to guarantee the spread that might occur from the time when the grain was put in storage to the time when it was released, and this might result in the making of money rather than losing it. He thought the plan would finance itself over a period of years.

Farmer Would Pay Day's Price

Grain would be bought by the elevator in the usual way; and a farmer would have to pay the day's price as established by the Wheat Board. The Federation asked the Government, where grain is held in storage in accordance with the proposed policy, to guarantee that the company would get its storage and handling charges while the grain was in its possession. When the grain was ordered to be sold, if the company were short, the shortage would be made up.

Principle Favored by Municipalities' President

Mr. Hayes strongly favored the exploration of the possibility of the plan being put into effect. He supported the idea in principle; but the experience of Municipalities in the past would make them cautious. "If this is self-liquidating," he said, "no one can complain about it."

It was not intended, remarked Mr. Marler, that the adoption of the plan should be compulsory on any municipality.

Hon. David Ure, Minister of Agriculture, who was present during the dis-

Ask Predator Control Be in Agriculture Dept.

Placing of jurisdiction over predator control in Alberta in the hands of the Department of Agriculture was called for in a resolution adopted by the Annual Meeting of the A.F.A.

cussion, said the necessity for a feed bank had long been recognized. The best way of establishing such a bank was for the farmer to do it himself in his own granary. The Government could not continue to subsidize the farmer on the land who consistently failed to produce anything. That would not be a sound way of doing business.

Minister Promises Study

The Department, the Minister promised, would be glad to give the matter further study; but the municipal authorities should know the conditions better than the Department in Edmonton, and could therefore get better administering and "less chiselling," he thought.

Many farmers, said Mr. Kapler, were able to run their own business, and did not look upon the Government or Municipality as financial agent. That was no part of the policy, which was designed purely to make feed available where in the past there was none. There was no thought of a relief measure.

Concluding the discussion, in which various other members of the convention took part, President Marler said he believed the Government was in the best position to guarantee the cost of holding the grain, because it is the Government. The intention was simply that sufficient grain should be held in the Province until a fresh supply was assured for another year.

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Roy C. Marler of Bremner was re-elected President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture for the coming year at a meeting of the Board of Directors for 1951 held in Calgary during the week of the annual meeting of the Federation in December. Re-elected First Vice-President was Geo. E. Church of Balzac, and K. V. Kapler of Strome was elected Second Vice-President.

Divisional Directors

During the Convention, the delegates from the various divisions elected Directors as follows: Grain, Ben S. Plumer, Bassano; Livestock, Hugh Allen, Huallen; Farm Supplies, George E. Church; Poultry, K. V. Kapler; Sheep and Wool, L. R. Jensen, Magrath; Sugar Beets, P. Baker, Lethbridge; Seed Growers and Beekeepers (a new division, based on a reshuffle), Carl Antonson, Piroch. Three Directors represent the Farmers' Union of Alberta: A. R. Hadland, Baldonnel, B.C.; Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Lloydminster, and L. E. Pharis, Magrath.

Three F.U.A. Directors

A constitutional amendment submitted by the F.U.A. Convention, to the effect that the Union should be represented by six Directors, was defeated after full discussion.

Prior to the amalgamation of the U.F.A. and A.F.U., each of these organizations had three Directors on the Board of the A.F.A., and last year, as appointments had already been made by the F.U.A., the A.F.A. Convention provided that this number should be continued for 1950, but set three as the total for future years.

Supporters of the motion to amend the constitution by raising the total to six stressed the importance of reaching back to the farmer on the land; while other speakers, agreeing upon the value of local contacts, said the idea had been, in forming the Federation, to have one representative on the Board of each branch of production, and it was suggested that one Director could weigh issues of policy as well as a greater number.

Removal Dead Branches Provides Valuable Fuel

INDIAN HEAD, Sask. — Not only is the shelter belt improved by the removal of dead branches, states John Walker of the Forest Nursery Station at Indian Head, but this material is valuable as fuel. All trees distributed by Dominion stations for farm planting have a relatively high heating value; tests have shown that a cord of dry American elm wood, for instance, equals .7 ton of hard coal in terms of B.T.U.'s.

Value of Primary Organization

President Marler, in addressing the Convention, said he "would not like any feeling to go out from this Convention that we do not recognize the strength and support of the primary organization in this Province." He believed that it was of the greatest possible benefit in carrying on the various activities of the Locals; he did not want any word said that might lead to the impression that the value of the Union and its Locals to the Federation was in any way underestimated.

The necessity of maintaining Locals in the primary organization as a means of creating interest in community and Provincial affairs was also emphasized in the course of an extended report submitted to the delegates by the Federation Finance and Policy Committee.

L. Harris, Beaverlodge, mover of the resolution to set the number of F.U.A. Directors at six, J. L. McIntosh, Dimsdale, and Mr. Hadland strongly supported this proposal. A motion to provide for the F.U.A. to be represented by 4 Directors was lost.

Two Grain Directors Suggested

In the course of discussion, Mr. Marler suggested that two grain Directors be appointed, one for the Alberta Wheat Pool and one for the United Grain Growers, with the proviso that the U.G.G. Director be an Alberta man.

Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., President of the U.G.G., after remarking that Mr. Marler had made it clear that the suggestion had not come from either of the grain organizations, said he appreciated its being made very much, and if it were the wish of those present to carry it out, his organization would be glad to co-operate. The U.G.G., however, because they were an inter-provincial organization, had direct representation on the Board of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. The U.G.G. had been quite satisfied that the grain section of the A.F.A. should be represented by a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool. Mr. Brownlee pointed out that his company was paying on the basis of 20 cents per member and had 16,000 members in Alberta, and also made a substantial contribution to the C.F.A. Throughout its history the company had made contributions to farm organizations, and their present grants to such bodies totalled \$70,000.

Ben Plumer, Chairman of the Wheat Pool, referring appreciatively to Mr. Brownlee's statement, said the Pool would be well content if a representative of the U.G.G. should be chosen as Director for the grain division.

Stress Need of Greater Revenue

Surplus of the Federation for the last fiscal year was \$349.45. The detailed report of the Finance and Policy Committee stressed the necessity for substantially greater revenues in order that the A.F.A. might extend its activities, including publicity, and increase its effectiveness in behalf of the farm community of Alberta. It was recommended by the Convention (as advised by the Committee) that the per capita contribution of affiliated organizations be raised from 20 cents to 25 cents.

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Education - The Key To Progress

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Correspondence**COLEBROOK CO-OPERATIVE COMMUNITY ASS'N.**

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:
I am extremely grateful to you for what is in effect a very excellent review of my book "Pioneer in Community" contained in an article "A Forum Debate — and a Book" in your issue of November 3rd.

It occurs to me that your readers may be interested to know that besides writing a book on co-operative community, we decided last year it was time to put the idea to the test of actuality. Finding some others equally interested (mostly from the prairies), we established the Colebrook Co-operative Community as a duly chartered co-operative under the B.C. Co-operatives Act and acquired possession of 125 acres of good earth in the lower Fraser Valley district, and an additional 122 acres is rented on a long-term lease.

First Crop Harvested

The site has magnificent possibilities in the soil and the timber and there is a wonderful view of sea, islands and mountains (including the spectacular Mount Baker). We have built buildings, dug ditches and harvested our first crop. There are ten full members and six children — of Scandinavian, German, Scotch and miscellaneous ancestry. (We wish we had even more different cultures and "races" than we have.) Also we have a University lecturer and a social worker (being within commuting distance of Vancouver), as well as farmers and a highly skilled mechanic doing full time on the farm.

This leads me to the main point. We have all this and a wonderful chance to build a really stable example of a co-operative organism — provided we can find: (a) a few new members of the right kind (that is, who want to be part of a co-operative community for the right reasons); (b) more capital. Better still would be to find these two together — that is, two or three new families with modest capital to invest. But we need these badly and we need them soon.

Would any of your readers be interested?

Yours, etc.,

WATSON THOMSON,
Colebrook Co-operative
Community Ass'n.,
R.R. 1, Cloverdale, B.C.

Two Crops Per Year

NOTE: Additional information is given in a release which accompanied Mr. Watson Thomson's letter. It is pointed out that: "With a large proportion of the acreage situated in low-lying ground where the only problem is too much moisture (this is being overcome by proper drainage), the highly fertile land is capable of producing two crops a season.

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"Families are accommodated in separate living units grouped around a central building containing the dining room, laundry and kitchen.

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Young Alberta Farmer Wins Scholarship

Well known throughout Alberta as a young man who has gained distinction as a farmer and stockman and as a leader in Junior activities and club work, and has of late years given service in Senior organizations, Orrin Hart of Claresholm (above), was one of two Canadians to win 1951 scholarship awards of the Nuffield Foundation of England. John McLean of Pictou County, Nova Scotia, is the other winner.

The scholarships provide for a six months' sojourn in a farm home in the United Kingdom, and the young men will be given full opportunities for a thorough study of British agriculture.

Was Junior President

Mr. Hart, who was recommended for the scholarship by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, belongs to a long established farm family of Claresholm. He has a 1,300-acre mixed farm, and he took a two-year course at the Olds School of Agriculture. He served as a Director and President of the Junior U.F.A. (now Junior F.U.A.), and on the Executive of the Farmers' Union, from which he resigned in order to be free to take up his scholarship. He has won a number of scholarships and awards in various projects in agriculture and community work, as well as prizes in livestock at exhibitions, and he has been a member of a winning team in boys' and girls' farm club work. He is First Vice-President of the Alberta Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association.

Scholarship selection committee is headed by President H. H. Hannam of the C.F.A., the other members being H. S. Fry, Associate Editor of the *Country Guide*, and I. B. Whale, Associate Editor of the *Farmers' Advocate* of London, Ont., and Colin G. Groff, Secretary of the C.F.A.

such as a potato digger, will be added this coming season. A well-equipped machine shop takes care of repairs of all kinds.

"The main problem to be overcome during the next period is the problem of manpower for a type of agriculture which is necessarily more diversified and intensified because of the high fertility and rapid growth."

SHOULD ASSEMBLE FACTS AND FIGURES

G.P.O. Box 73, Toronto, Ont.

Editor, The Western Farm Leader:

Three references to "patronage dividends" in the news and advertising columns of recent issues are the impulse behind this inquiring memo from one of your steadiest readers. "I quote," as the radio lads put it, (a) "Distributed \$1,219,894 in patronage dividends for the year 1948-49, involving a cash distribution of \$406,631 and reserve credits of \$813,263" (Alberta Wheat Pool); (b) "Since its entry into business in 1946" (Canadian Cooperative Implements, Ltd.), "C.C.I.L. has made total earnings of close to \$2,000,000. Altogether \$1,612,776 has been allocated to dividends" (News

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Bunn, Qu'Appelle		23.7	23.0	-0.7	-2.9%	
Dohms, Fenwood		27.1	30.4	+3.3	+12.2%	
Gleave, Dodsland		29.1	35.6	+6.5	+22.3%	
Gardiner, Regina		10.8	12.7	+1.9	+17.6%	
Perron, Montmartre		23.7	22.4	-1.3	-5.5%	
Lutz, Fenwood		25.9	26.8	+0.9	+3.5%	
MacKenzie, Wynyard		31.3	35.5	+4.2	+13.4%	
Mortensen, Pontrillas		11.0	13.8	+2.8	+25.5%	
Pawlshyn, Goodeve		31.8	29.2	-2.6	-8.2%	
Schielenbien, Southey		21.2	26.4	+5.2	+24.5%	
Pederson, Fossten		17.2	20.3	+3.1	+18.0%	

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Location and Name of Co-operator	Crop	Yield in Bushels/Acre	Check	5-10-5 Treated	Gain or Decrease	Increase or Decrease
Morden, Lethbridge	Wheat	25.7	27.2	+1.5	+5.9%	
Christensen, Chancellor	Wheat	29.0	30.0	+1.0	+3.4%	
Murray, Claresholm	Wheat	31.0	31.2	+0.2	+0.7%	
Mohler, Canrose	Wheat	16.2	19.8	+3.6	+22.2%	
Hammer, Wetaskiwin	Wheat	25.7	24.7	-1.0	-3.9%	
Olson, Bawlf	Wheat	9.4	10.0	+0.6	+6.4%	
Volkman, New Sarepta	Barley	31.3	29.0	-2.3	-7.3%	
Mackenzie	Barley	21.4	18.8	-2.6	-12.1%	
Buchan, S. Edmonton	Barley	22.6	21.9	-0.7	-3.1%	
McLaughlin, Spruce Grove	Barley	43.9	44.1	+0.2	+0.5%	
Hall, Bon Accord	Oats	30.7	30.8	+0.1	+0.3%	

Liquid Fertilizer Experiments With Wheat At Beaverlodge, Alberta, and Tupper Creek, B.C.:

Location and Name of Co-operator	Crop	Yield in Bushels/Acre	Check	5-10-5 Treated	Gain or Decrease	Increase or Decrease
Beaverlodge, Alberta	Wheat	2.9	4.0	+1.1	+38.0%	
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Eradicating Hoary Cress

To eradicate hoary cress at the Dominion experimental station at Dalroy, Alberta, it was found necessary to summerfallow the infested land for three consecutive years, with from 22 to 25 cultivations.

At a cost of \$175,000 a year, a campaign against coyotes in Montana has practically eliminated these predators as a serious menace to livestock and poultry, though the need to continue control measures is never ending, as remote areas will continue as a source of re-infestation.

By the use of the poison compound 1080 (causing 80 to 90 per cent of the killings), and of traps, "coyote killers", aircraft, as the other chief methods, wool growers of the State have been saved from losses which amounted to \$4,500,000 a year, and the cattle and poultry industries have also reaped large financial rewards from the campaign.

Eugene Grande of Billings, Mont., District Agent of the United States Fish and Wild Life Service for the State, in a talk with **The Western Farm Leader** during A.F.A. Convention Week, disclosed these and other striking facts and figures concerning the highly effective measures which are being taken by our neighbors in the U.S. to cope with the predator problem.

Threat From Alberta

Mr. Grande pointed out that conditions in Alberta, as a border area where coyotes still abound, cause some concern in Montana. The more the coyote population is reduced in any area, the larger the animal population yielding the coyotes' food supplies (including largely wild life) becomes, and the coyotes therefore tend to cross the borders to enjoy this greater supply. Thus the Montana anti-predator organization will wel-

come the launching of effective measures to combat this menace in Alberta.

It was with the dual aim of giving neighborly assistance to this Province, and thereby, at the same time, helping to guard Montana against the risks of re-infestation from this side of the border, that Mr. Grande arranged his visit here. He met with the appropriate authorities, and he gave what proved to be one of the most interesting, illuminating and valuable reports heard by the delegates to the A.F.A. Annual Meeting.

Asked his opinion as to the best method of organization for a Province-wide campaign here, Mr. Grande advised: "Get all the interests concerned together, and then leave the carrying out of your program to one agency, well financed."

Sources of Campaign Finance

In Montana and other states there is effective co-operation between such agencies. Of the \$175,000 yearly expenditure, \$50,000 is contributed by the State Government direct, \$40,000 by a levy on all livestock, \$35,000 by the State Fish and Game department; \$30,000 is yielded by a levy of 5 cents per head by municipalities on sheep. The balance is provided by the Federal Government.

The poison 1080 is injected into chunks of horsemeat, and left where these predators will find it. There is no danger to non-carnivorous domestic animals, or to such big game as deer and antelope, but danger to dogs. Strict regulations are enforced to ensure its proper use, and to the laying of the bait where risks will be least. In the 1950 fiscal year, 2,117 stations for use of 1080 were operated in Montana.

Mr. Grande described the most ingenious "coyote killers", which are found quite useful in the anti-coyote campaign. They constitute no danger to farm stock. Treading on a coyote-killer won't set it off. When the coyote gets its teeth in and pulls, poison (by spring action) is splashed into the animal's mouth.

"We've never found predators a factor in holding the rodent population down," Mr. Grande told a delegate at the A.F.A. Convention. Rodent population rose and fell in cycles, being affected by food supply, weather, and diseases.

—W.N.S.

Total number of entries in the 1950 National Barley Contest is 620, of which 250 are from Saskatchewan, 232 from Manitoba and 138 from Alberta. The car shortage in some districts has prevented a number of competitors from getting their entries shipped in time for the mid-January deadline, but special arrangements are being made for these cases.

Death of Mrs. R. D. Purdy

Our readers will join with us in expressing our deep regret in recording the death at Cobourg, Ont., on December 26th of Mrs. Agnes Macklin Purdy, wife of Mr. R. D. Purdy, General Manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool. The funeral took place at Cobourg on Thursday December 28th. In token of respect the Pool offices were closed on Thursday afternoon.

WORLD CHRONICLE

Dec. 13th. — Gaitskell announces in London Marshall aid will be ended January 1st; and Washington report says Britain's progress towards recovery in last year is reason.

Dec. 14th. — Chinese surrounding Hungnam said to number 100,000. Finance Minister Abbott says Ottawa doesn't want to impose price controls and will try to control inflation by "vigorous fiscal and monetary measures."

Dec. 15th. — Canada's Pearson acts with Rau (India) and Ente (Iran) on UN committed to seek cease-fire in Korea. UN beachhead at Hungnam narrowed by pressure of Chinese attacks; U.S. warships bombard enemy forces. Truman announces state of emergency to be proclaimed tomorrow, says controls to be imposed, military strength to be built up. Canadian import controls to be abandoned January 1st. U.S. will discuss purchase of Canadian aluminum, announces Howe. Britain is short of several raw materials needed for defence, states government spokesman in London.

Dec. 16th. — Truman orders rescinding of price increase on 1951 cars in U.S. Assets of Peiping government in U.S. frozen. U.S. calls for conference of Pan-American countries (Canada is not one) to consider threat of Communism.

Dec. 17th. — UN cease-fire committee offers to fly to Peiping, if necessary, to continue peace discussions.

Dec. 18th. — Eisenhower is named commander European defence forces; Atlantic Pact countries, at Brussels meeting, agree such a force to include west Germans. Britain will buy Canadian aluminum, announced. Canada to sell more steel to U.S., states Howe.

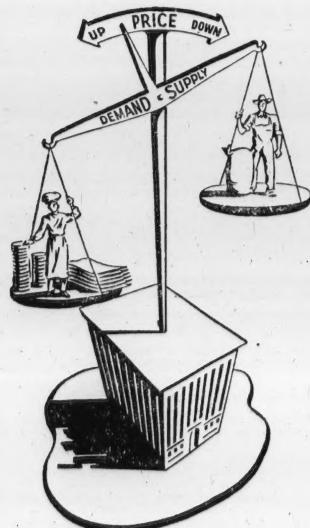
Dec. 19th. — Truman asks Americans for voluntary price freeze; says order for reduced car prices to be enforced. Justice Kellock announces rail arbitration award, in Ottawa; 7-cent wage increase granted to most employees. Britain, U.S., France, accept Russian proposal for Big Four meeting on unification of Germany, provided wider field explored too. General Wu, leaving Lake Success, says no UN cease-fire in Korea until foreign troops withdraw; but wishes Americans a "Merry Christmas". Italy will spend \$400 millions on defence. Truman declares Acheson will stay in Cabinet.

Dec. 20th. — UN cease-fire committee has sent second message to Peiping, announced at Lake Success. Withdrawal of UN forces from Hungnam continues; Chinese attacks repulsed. Herbert Hoover says Western Europe should defend itself, U.S. should fortify western hemisphere and depend on "barriers" of Atlantic and Pacific. Tokyo denies reports Chinese using gas (except smoke and tear) in Korea. Canadian railways will seek substantial freight rate increases, reports Ottawa. Australia will contribute \$56 millions to Colombo plan for aid to Asia. Danes, British, reach compromise bacon price of \$665 per long ton. Economic controls as in last war may be imposed in Britain, states London despatch.

Dec. 21st. — South Korean government promises to stop further mass executions. U.S. rocket ships join in defence Hungnam beachhead. Hoover policy is "isolationist"; his statement "unfortunate", charge British newspapers.

Dec. 22nd. — Broadcasting from Peiping, Chou En-lai says cease-fire proposal unlawful because his government (Continued on Page 13)

The Law of Supply and Demand is PLAIN Common Sense



It is a fact well known and accepted by everyone that prices will rise during a real or threatened shortage of eggs or potatoes. On the other hand, if the supply is plentiful prices will invariably decline.

Lifting of the embargo on beef to the United States lessened the supply in Canada and the consuming public had to pay a higher price here for beef. One can recall too the frantic demand at increasingly high prices for articles that were hard to get during the war, and how the demand for many of those articles fell off

when they came back into supply following the war.

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Government Will Discontinue Aid Unless Practices Eliminated

PHARIS REPORTS

Figures Show That "Someone Besides Farmer Responsible for High Prices"

"Our present marketing system is ideal for the speculator," declared L. E. Pharis, Magrath, in reporting on the work of the Advisory Committee to the Minister of Agriculture. Prices Support Board and heads of branches of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, of which he is a member, at the recent F.U.A. Convention. Buying at the lowest price and selling at the highest, the speculator made fortunes while the producer got low prices and the consumer paid high prices.

Says Up to Farmers

"Our government is not prepared to continue subsidies and floor prices for the benefit of the speculators," said Mr. Pharis. "Mr. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture) stated definitely at the October meeting that unless farmers took steps to eliminate these practices, the Government would discontinue its assistance policies."

Producers in 1949, according to the "Economic Annalist", had received only 64.3 per cent of the retail price of beef, while in the case of potatoes and flour the proportion received by the producers was less than 50 per cent. "These examples show plainly," Mr. Pharis pointed out, "that someone besides the farmer is responsible for high prices."

First Real Test

The first real test in major commodity lines had been met by the Prices Support Board in the year 1949-50. In that period it had handled almost 50 million pounds of butter in the domestic market, stored 396,000 cases of eggs, purchased 21 million pounds of cheese, and more than one million dollars' worth of dried skim milk products.

"This is really getting into big business," commented Mr. Pharis.

Has Done a Great Deal

While it had been charged that the Board had done "too little, too late", Mr. Pharis expressed the view that this program, "during a transitional period, has done a great deal to stabilize our Canadian economy. If farmers would set up their own marketing boards, backed by this type of Government assistance, it would be of great value to the stabilization of our price structure."

Mr. Pharis reviewed the conditions under which the principal farm products had been marketed during the year, in some detail.

A report on the activities of the International Commodity Committee had been received from Dr. H. Barton, who is now its chairman. The committee, of course, can act only in an

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

GREETINGS. — It will be 1951 when you read this column, so let me, on behalf of the Federation, wish all our readers good health, and may farm crops and returns be such that you can make living on the farm a still more happy and prosperous way of life.

I can on behalf of the Board of Directors and this office say that we will do everything in our power to help you accomplish this goal.

New Directors. — As a result of our annual meeting held in Calgary in mid-December, we have a number of new Directors. They are: L. R. Jensen, Director of Sheep and Wool, from Magrath; Ben S. Plumer, Grain Director; and L. E. Pharis as one of the F.U.A. Directors. I, as Secretary, feel that we have a very representative Board of Directors. All sections of the Province are pretty well represented. The executive members of the Board are Roy Marler, President; George Church, 1st Vice President; and K. V. Kapler, 2nd Vice President.

C.F.A. Board Members. — We are entitled to three members on the Board of Directors of the C.F.A. Mr. Marler, Mr. Kapler and Mr. Plumer were nominated for these positions.

Radio Committee. — The annual meeting authorized the Board to go ahead and finalize plans for a daily Radio Broadcast. To facilitate this work, a working committee of three have been named to gather more information and to advance further plans. This committee has called a special meeting for early January to discuss their plans with member organizations interested in sponsoring this program. The committee appointed are: Mr. Marler, Mr. Kapler and the Secretary.

Edmonton Office. — You have likely heard reports that the head office of the Federation is to be moved to Edmonton. This move has been under consideration for some time, chiefly because Edmonton is the seat of Government and so much of our work requires close contact with Department officials, particularly the Department of Agriculture.

The annual meeting endorsed this plan on the understanding that the Calgary office will be maintained for the time being and that any changes made will not inconvenience the functions of the Federation in any way.

Western Agricultural Conference. — Delegates from the four Western Provinces meet in Calgary on January 18th, 19th and 20th for the purpose of consolidating resolutions from the West before they are taken up at the C.F.A. annual meeting which follows.

This gathering is held under the name of the Western Agricultural Conference. Eastern Federations hold a similar meeting. In this way the business brought before the C.F.A. is facilitated greatly.

The W.A.C. is not a public meeting,

advisory capacity; without definite powers or financial backing, its usefulness is necessarily very limited. However, under these handicaps, it has in some cases secured the transfer of surpluses to the needy at nominal prices.

Challenge That Faces Us

Pointing out that three out of every five people in the world exist on an average annual income of \$40, Mr. Pharis urged that "if we are to have a lasting peace, the depressed millions of the earth must be provided with food from the more favored areas. . . . The hungry must be fed, misery alleviated, living standard raised. This is the challenge that faces our democracies today." (Mr. Pharis later reported to the A.F.A. Convention on the same lines as above.)

Twenty-one States Now Have Co-operatives for Rural Health Needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rural groups in 21 States have set up co-operatives to help meet local health needs — cooperatives which have been formed to serve both members and non-members. These local health units — numbering 101 at the middle of 1949 — are examined and discussed in *Rural Health Co-operatives*, a joint publication of the Farm Credit Administration and the U.S. Public Health Service.

The book describes the various means adopted to finance construction of health service centres and hospitals, to secure membership and community support, to obtain personnel and to meet costs of operation. Usually the co-ops have their centres in small towns.

but members of farm organizations affiliated with the Federation who wish to attend have always been welcomed.

C.F.A. Annual Meeting. — which this year will be held in Calgary on January 22nd to 26th, has two days of public sessions, January 23rd and 24th. On these two days farmers are urged to attend and take part in the proceedings. We haven't received a copy of the agenda, but there will undoubtedly be some interesting speakers, as well as discussion on resolutions that will be considered. Farm Radio Forum will be originated during the session.

CORRESPONDENCE
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item, Oct. 20, *W.F.L.*; and (c) "As has been noted from the Balance Sheet, appropriation for patronage dividends on grain deliveries of the past year was \$550,000" (Annual Report of



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The above large sums made me hungry for more light on this "patronage dividend" story. They tempt me to suggest that the experts should assemble the facts and figures behind the "patronage dividend" story, as it applies to the farms across the Prairies, and the years.

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Piquant Fish Fillets: If fish is frozen, thaw. Combine $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vinegar, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup salad oil, 1 small onion, sliced, 1 tsp. salt, a pinch each of pepper and thyme. Let fish fillets stand in this mixture for an hour, then drain, brush with melted butter and broil.

Sour Cream Pumpkin Pies: Beat 4 egg yolks in top of double boiler, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ginger and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. each nutmeg and cinnamon, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups cooked or canned pumpkin, 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups thick sour cream. Beat well, and cook over boiling water until thick — about 45 minutes. Beat 4 egg whites until stiff, then fold in hot mixture, pour into baked pie shell. When cool, garnish with whipped

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representing the remainder of the turkeys acquired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in carrying out its 1949 turkey price support program, 5.8 million pounds of frozen dressed turkeys have been made available for use in the non-profit school lunch program during the winter.

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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Some Events of the Season

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

As I said before, I am sure there would be a very great variety in the lists if we were asked what we thought would contribute most to our personal happiness. I think also I am quite sure in saying that if the lists were extended to public affairs there would be the one universal wish for Peace.

Just now we are at one of the most critical stages in history, and we can but hope that breadth of vision be given the world leaders in every country. And, as some of our own countrymen are playing a leading part, we particularly wish it for them.

I think I told you last year that this part of the country seems to get particularly gay at this season of the

We regret that in order to give as full accounts as possible of the Annual Convention of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, it was necessary to hold over Mrs. Spencer's regular letter from our last issue. Resumption of publication of this important feature on this page will be welcomed by our readers. — Editor.

year. There are many more private parties than usual, and organization after organization — and I never knew a place where there were so many — has an entertainment, or preferably a whist drive, which winds up in a raffle, which seems the popular way of raising money, with the Christmas turkey particularly popular.

Our Agricultural Society's Event

I was at two of these festive occasions recently. One was the annual event of the Agricultural Society in the nearby — I must remember and call it city. The society was in need of funds, as Agricultural organizations usually are. This time it is because they are getting a "vet" to come into the district, and they must provide him with a house and an office and pay the rent. I think I told you there were a goodly number of dairy farms near here, but fully half the man's work and income will probably be from pets. Our utilitarian dogs on the prairie as a rule do not receive the attention of the very often more highly bred ones here, and even if they are not particularly patrician in blood, they seem very often to get more solicitous care.

It will show you that this is a more thickly settled part of the country when I tell you that at this whist drive there were 165 tables and the great majority of players were from the country. They always have some contributions for prizes, but in addition buy others. A goodly number of families got their Christmas turkey (I might interject that our tickets were not among the fortunate). There was a young pig dressed, and hanging in front of people to spur them on to play their best. Also in the list of prizes for both the whist drive and raffles there were geese, a load of wood, chickens, eggs, turnips, carrots, potatoes. I think I had better say etc., etc., etc. The affair took organization and took work and, as is so often the case, much of the work seems left for a few.

P.T.A. Sponsors Concert

The other event I attended was the P.T.A. here, sponsoring the taking of the Christmas School Concert into a hall in the city. Judging from the crowd, I think every fond parent must have gone and an excellent program was given.

Two things pleased me. One was to see a group of smaller children dancing the Sailors' Hornpipe most lightly. (At one time the training of the children for dancing would have been considered quite wrong by some.) And another thing that pleased me even more was to see some of the young Indians from the nearby reserve in the group that did it. Surely a breaking down of racial prejudice that should be carried on to adult life!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Exchange of gifts was a pleasant feature of the Christmas meeting of Wild Rose F.W.U.A. (Carolside). Proposed constitutional amendments were carefully studied, reports the secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Solberg.

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News of Women's Locals

A series of card parties for the winter months was arranged by Delia F.W.U.A. at a recent meeting.

In one month recently Glenada F.W.U.A. sent four parcels to England, and in the previous month two were sent to a missionary in Africa.

Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) met at the home of Mrs. Hutchison for lunch and their annual meeting. The auditor's report showed \$405 on hand.

There was a big turnout for the card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Galloway, reports Mrs. Harry Stetson, secretary of Ft. Saskatchewan F.W.U.A.

Innisfree F.W.U.A. are making arrangements for a play. Mrs. E. Kuzio writes that they cleared \$55 from the chicken supper held earlier in the winter.

Paradise Valley F.W.U.A. recently arranged a bazaar, proceeds to be used to install a telephone in the school, writes Mrs. D. Flewell, secretary. Assistance was also given to the teacher in financing treats for the school children's Christmas concert.

Responsibilities of the various agencies and committees working within the United Nations was the subject of an address given by Mrs. T. H. Howes, convener of International Affairs, at the December meeting of the Hillside F.W.U.A. held at the home of Mrs. M. Marr, Millet.

Contributions have been made by Gleichen F.W.U.A. during the past year to the Y.W.C.A., Red Cross, Junior F.U.A., Flood Fund, Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Cubs, Brownies and Guides; and two Christmas hamper were made up for needy families.

Dances, rummage sales and afternoon teas were sponsored during the past year by Horse Hills F.W.U.A. (North Edmonton), reports the secretary, Mrs. Irma Corbett, and donations were made to the Red Cross, the Robert Gardiner scholarship, to the blind, the cancer society, and to old age homes.

Donations to the Red Cross, to the Blind, to the Cancer Society and to the Robert Gardiner Scholarship were made during the past year by Fairdon Valley F.W.U.A. (Sedgewick), and a CARE parcel was sent. Mrs. J. R. Hallum, the secretary, reports that the Local also assisted the Memorial Hall, the local picnic, Farm-



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It was also recommended that the Federation arrange for a 15-minute farm broadcast to be given five days a week and developed as far as might be financially possible. Such a program would not be based on the per capita fees, but by interested affiliated bodies who decided to give their support.

Plan Transfer of Head Office

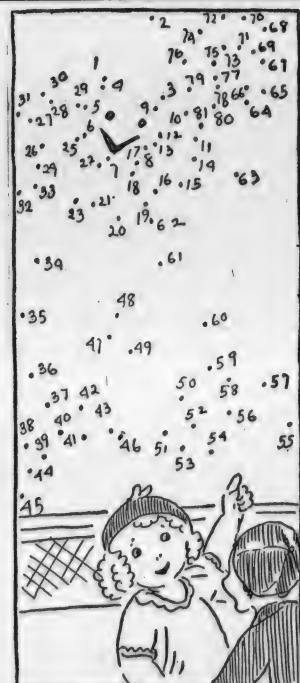
The delegates further recommended that the head office be transferred to Edmonton, a sub-office to be maintained in Calgary.

The Convention agreed unanimously to a proposal that remuneration be provided the President "on a basis commensurate with his responsibilities, and sufficient to offer an incentive to potential persons to seek that position."

After a brief statement by Mr. Marler, who in answer to questions had described the extent to which he had devoted his time to A.F.A. affairs (holding these, as he felt in such a position he must, "in front of his own affairs"), Ben Plumer remarked that the position of President could be considered "pretty well full time, since the job would always be on his mind."

The constitution was amended to provide that each member organization shall be entitled to one voting delegate; organizations with from 500 to 1,500 members, two voting delegates; from 1,500 to 2,500, three; from 2,500 to 3,500, four; over 3,500, five voting delegates.

Little Folks' Puzzle



"Oh, Jack, look! I am crazy to see that fellow. He is always so funny!" said Dian. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number eighty-one and you will see about what Dian is talking. Complete this picture with your crayons.

ers' Day and Christmas Tree fund. Dances in the winter and house card parties were held to raise funds.

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Ask Government of Canada Make Change in Transport Board

New Personnel Recommended by F.U.A.—Action on Various Issues

The Government of Canada was requested by resolution of the Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta "to replace the Board of Transport Commissioners as presently constituted with personnel whose minds are more receptive to public opinion, factual information and the interest of agriculture and the business of Western Canada."

It was affirmed that the considered opinion of seven Provincial Governments as well as civic bodies, and occupational groups representing the great majority of the people of Canada, "has been contemptuously flouted to the point where the Board no longer enjoys the confidence of the public."

Payment Asked for Farm Storage

Payment by the Wheat Board to farmers who store their grain of the same compensation as that received by elevator companies was asked in another resolution.

The Federal Government was urged to enact legislation "setting a definite depth in land, such depth to be known

as surface rights." The Alberta Government was asked to "discontinue the one cent fuel oil tax for agricultural purposes."

Placing of the Wheat Board under the Department of Agriculture was asked, the principle of producer marketing control being also endorsed. Another resolution proposed setting of domestic price of wheat at \$2.25.

Supply by power companies at cost of electricity to churches, schools and community centres was urged. Also endorsed were schemes for control of Bang's Disease inaugurated by the Veterinary Branch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture.

The F.U.A. Board was requested to give all possible financial aid to protect farmers' rights to the gravel and sand deposits on lands on which companies hold mineral leases.

Reinstatement of liaison with other occupational groups was approved. The attainment of parity prices was set forth as the objective for the new Board.

Various resolutions forwarded to the A.F.A. Annual Meeting, and endorsed there, are dealt with in reports of A.F.A. proceedings.

Elections of Officers

For President there were four nominees to be voted on (when others had withdrawn their names): Messrs. Stimpfle, Kapler, Wheatley, Young, and, as announced in our last issue, Mr. Young was elected. Nominated for Vice-President were R. Hennig, J.

L. MacMillan (Clyde), A. R. Hawley, Nampa; Earl Wright, Paxson; R. N. Russell, Athabasca; Mr. Hennig being elected. Later A. B. Wood, Dewberry, Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, Hussar, and A. R. Hadland, Baldonnel, B.C., were elected to the Executive.

Following the election of President on Thursday, a meeting of the Veterans' Section was called for Friday morning, about 17 or 20, it was reported, being in attendance. A resolution expressing lack of confidence in Mr. Young was adopted. At the afternoon session, President Young brought the matter up, and declared, "No branch or segment is going to intimidate me — either Communists or the people against them." He asked the Convention to state its position, and a vote of confidence was moved and carried by an overwhelming majority, votes in the negative being about 12.

Since the First World War, resolutions submitted by the Veterans' Section of the former U.F.A. and by that of the F.U.A., dealing with the special problems of ex-soldiers, have been in all cases passed by the main convention, the delegates adopting them unanimously.

Occupying the chair during the greater part of the Convention, under the President, were Messrs. Wood and Young. A Junior, Mr. Jibeau of Morinville, was given the opportunity to chair some sessions, and did so very well. Registered delegates totalled 451, officers 43.

OTTAWA LETTER

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Requirements, at prices to be agreed upon."

This seems to present an impasse difficult to solve. Hog prices are high in Canada. The livestock report of December 28th gives the price at Toronto for Grade A hogs \$31.50 dressed (per hundredweight), Montreal \$31.75, Winnipeg \$30.50, Calgary \$29 to \$29.50, Edmonton 29.50. If these are suitable for Wiltshire sides, the margin to put them at seaboard is too narrow. The truth is, of course, that with beef dear through the exports to the United States, the domestic demand for pork is heavy and keeps prices up.

The question might well arise and has at times arisen — how about opening the borders to American pork, and for our exports of pork to that country? What attitude the Government might take is unknown, but as Mr. Gardiner stated at the recent agricultural conference, it would mean lower prices. What course the Government may take, will likely be known soon.

Other Side of Picture

Take the other side of the picture: The British are buying Danish bacon at 229 shillings per cwt. (112 pounds) which at the present rate of sterling means 29 cents a pound, which means less than this (in comparison with Canadian bacon) as they do not have to pay the Atlantic freight. The Danes are paid in sterling instead of dollars, so that buying from them does not mean any drain on the hard currency resources of Britain. In the past few years Canada has not delivered the amount of its contracts with Britain. Deliveries have been quite a bit short. From January 1st to December 23rd, 1950, the net clearances for export have been 57,811,000 lbs., but 27,972,000 lbs. of this have been on the 1949 contract. The 1950 contract was for 60,000,000 pounds.

It seems a slender enough thread of hope, but it is to be hoped that in some way the present impasse will be overcome, and that the Canadian pork producer is not completely out of the British market. From the long term point of view this would be distinctly unfortunate, and just now with a surplus of feed there seemed a good chance of not only keeping up sales to Britain but increasing them.

Decline in Farm Income

The report on the cash income received by the farmers of Canada for their products in the first nine months of 1950 showed that this amounted to \$1,466,933,000, representing a decline from the previous year's figure for

nine months of 18 per cent. The figure for the 1949 period was \$1,798,966,000 and for the previous year \$1,754,001,000. In the 1950 period the amount paid out in participation and equalization payments was only \$6,900,000 compared with \$218,000,000 in January-September, 1949.

That in itself accounts for about two-thirds of the difference between the two years. The income from wheat in the 1950 period was \$236,600,000, compared to \$328,200,000 in the same months of 1949. It is explained that there were three main causes for this lowered figure: (a) the initial price for number one Northern at the ports was lowered from \$1.75 a bushel to \$1.40 on August 1st, 1950, so that deliveries for the next two months were at the lesser figure; (b) severe August frosts in Prairie Provinces damaged much of the crop; and (c) adverse weather delayed harvesting in Western Canada, so that total marketings were below the previous year.

Coarse grains income was down about \$50,000,000. This arose from the lower deliveries through adverse weather, and also through the compulsory marketing plan in force from August 1st, 1949, under which farmers receive at the time of delivery the initial prices only.

On the other side of the picture the sale of livestock, which amounted in the 1950 period to \$605,910,000, exceeded the sales of the 1949 period by 11 per cent.

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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.
Alberta Wheat Pool

On November 1st, the world's four major wheat exporting countries had an estimated 1,061 million bushels of wheat remaining for export or carry-over at the end of their respective crop years. This is an increase of 102 million bushels over the 959 million bushels held at the same date last year. Stocks in Canada, the U.S. and Australia were up, but those in Argentina were down from a year ago, as is shown in the following table, which gives supplies on November 1st, 1949, and 1930:

	1950 million bus.	1949 million bus.
U.S.	629	604
Canada	370	275
Australia	47	24
Argentina	15	56

F.A.O. Expects About Same Exports

While the Australian and Argentine harvests are just commencing, a report from the Food and Agriculture Organization, based on preliminary information, shows that the production of bread grains in exporting countries this year has been maintained at about the same level as last year. Europe and other importing nations appear to have had as good a crop as last year, or perhaps a little better, but F.A.O. expects that exports to these areas will remain at about the same level as in 1949-50.

Wheat production in the four major exporting nations is estimated as follows:

	1950 million bus.	1949 million bus.
U.S.	1,010	1,146
Canada	462	367
Australia	190	217
Argentina	239	198

While production in North America is about the same as last year, there will be somewhat less milling wheat available for export because of the fact that about half of Canada's crop was so severely damaged by frost as to make it unsuitable for milling.

The Australian crop is expected to total 190 million bushels, which is down almost 30 millions from last year. Growers there will receive an initial price of 74 cents (Canadian) per bushel, in bulk, and 83 cents bagged, both prices less freight. The Argentine crop is unofficially estimated at 238,800,000, which is the largest crop for several years. Argentine farmers are reported to be receiving about \$1.60 (Canadian) a bushel.

Sales Under Agreement

So far this year, sales of wheat under the International Wheat Agreement are running far ahead of those at the same time last year. Up to mid-December, sales totalled 273.5 million bushels, out of current quotas of 543.8 million bushels. Sales by exporting nations (to the nearest million) have been:

	Bushels
Canada	103,900,000
Australia	79,500,000
U.S.	88,200,000
France	1,800,000

Egg and Poultry Market

The egg market is weak at present; Grade A1 large eggs, locally, are 37 cents to producers, medium 35 and pullets 31; Grade A large, 34, medium 32, pullets 28; Grade B are 28, Grade C 22 and crax 20 cents. Dressed or rail grade chicken, Special, over 5 lbs. 48, 4-5 lbs. 46, under 4 lbs. 42; Grade A, 46 down to 40; Grade B, 38 down to 34; Grade C, 28 down to 22. Dressed fowl, A, 36 down to 30; B, 33 down to 25; C, 21 down to 15.

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Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Jan. 2. — Last week saw light deliveries, considerably improved in general quality and finish. Good to choice steers realized, at the end of the week, \$27 to \$29.50, and heifers of this quality brought \$25.50 to \$27.50.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Jan. 3rd. — Hogs sold yesterday at \$30.25, Grade A. Good to choice butcher steers \$28.50 to \$29.50, down to \$23.50 for common; heifers, \$26.50 to \$27.70, down to \$23; good stocker and feeder steers \$27.25 to \$28.25.

The Dairy Market

Dairy prices remain unchanged. Locally, Special cream is 58 cents, No. 1, 56; No. 2, 42; and off-grade, 37. Butter is 58 for prints and 54½ for solids.

WORLD CHRONICLE

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ment had no part in its formation in UN. Western powers refuse Russian suggestion to discuss German question alone. Acheson says policy of withdrawing all U.S. forces to this continent would be "catastrophic"; Taft gives partial support to Hoover proposals; doubts if Western Europe can defend itself.

Dec. 23rd. — General Walker, commander of U.S. Eighth Army, killed in jeep accident in Korea. Syngman Rhee proclaims amnesty for political prisoners in south Korea.

Dec. 24th. — Last UN forces embark from Hungnam; all guns said successfully removed.

Dec. 25th. — King's message calls upon world to learn "to love, not to hate — to create, not to destroy." Stone of Scone stolen from Westminster Abbey, where it had been since 1296.

Dec. 26th. — Nehru says people of the world may discard both communism and Capitalism, replacing them with other forms of government.

Dec. 27th. — U.S. appoints ambassador to Spain.

Dec. 28th. — Tokyo reports nearly half million Chinese massing near 38th parallel. Unit of Canadian advance party ordered home from Korea; remaining are administrative units for P.P.C.L.I. Paris despatch says aerial mines being developed in principal European countries. Tito tells countrymen Yugoslavia is in danger of being "swallowed up" by Soviet satellite neighbors. Washington moves to stop hoarding of essential materials. Use of copper, brass, zinc restricted in Britain.

Dec. 29th. — Call-up date for armed forces advanced one month in Britain. Archbishop of York warns against use of atomic bomb in Korea. U.S. freezes \$2 billions out of loan market.

Dec. 30th. — Left-wing Israelis protest against re-arming of Germans, "killers of 6,000,000 Jews". Ottawa states 29 cents per pound is U.K.'s top price for Canadian bacon.

Dec. 31st. — Tito grants amnesty to political prisoners, minor offenders.

Jan. 1st. — Big enemy drive starts in Korea. St. Laurent, in London, proclaims faith that "sanity will prevail over present turmoil." Pakistan demands consideration of Kashmir by Commonwealth Conference.

Jan. 2nd. — Chinese and North Korean forces reported within 12 miles of Seoul. Russia agrees to Big Four foreign ministers' conference, Germany to come first on agenda.

Jan. 3rd. — Seoul abandoned. Nehru says Commonwealth will make new effort to contain Korean war.

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New Year's Message

By R. D. PURDY, Manager, Alberta Wheat Pool

December 31, 1950

I T has been my custom to send greetings to the farm people of Alberta on the eve of the advent of each New Year. I consider this an opportunity to extend to all my sincerest wishes for a Happy New Year.

We are living in a period of great import and extreme danger. Great changes are in the making. I do not think, however, that we should be unduly fearful. As long as we do our duty and do our best, we are fulfilling our mission in life and we should meet the challenge without unnecessary worry and anxiety. At its best, life has always been beset with many hazards. It happens that this generation must face a period of great shock and change and I think the democratic nations have the strength and fortitude to do so successfully.

Dealing with the business of the Alberta Wheat Pool, I might mention that your organization has had a successful year, as most of you may be aware. The net earnings of Alberta Pool Elevators for the 1949-50 crop year totalled in excess of \$1½ million. These earnings arose from the handling and storing of over 49 million bushels of grain.

At the annual convention of delegates held early in December a decision was arrived at as to the disposition of the earnings. The sum of \$400 thousand will be paid as a cash patronage dividend to those who delivered grain to Pool Elevators in the 1949-50 crop year. The sum of \$600 thousand will be devoted to the redemption of reserves from members who contributed in the 1923-28 period.

About \$263,000 will be used to expand elevator facilities, \$192 thousand to pay income taxes, and \$57,000 as an addition to working capital.

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But what about the Old Year? Let's recall what the immortal Charles Dickens had to say about it: "The patient year had lived through the approaches and mis-uses of its slanderers, and faithfully performed its work. Spring, summer, autumn, winter. It had labored through the destined round and now laid down its weary head to die. Shut out from hope, high impulse, active happiness, itself, but messenger of many joys to others, it made appeal in its decline to have its toiling days and patient hours remembered, and to die in peace."

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And of the New Year? Let's quote Mr. Dickens again: "The streets were full of motion, and the shops were decked out gaily. The New Year, like an Infant Heir to the whole world, was waited for, with welcomes, presents and rejoicings. There were books and toys for the New Year, dresses for the New Year, schemes of fortune for the New Year; new inventions to beguile it. Its life was parcelled out in almanacs and pocket books; the coming of its moons, and stars, and tides, was known beforehand to the moment: all the workings of its seasons in their days and nights, were calculated with as much precision as Mr. Filer could work sums in men and money."

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But how, chortles Knotty Frankie, can you work up any enthusiasm for a New Year when you're suffering from the hang-over of the Old?

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That reminds us, however, that a lot of folks got into the "spirit" of things in spite of the fact that the Liquor Control Board had upped its prices.

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We see by the papers that the Archbishop of Canterbury says that the people should pray for the newspapers. But as the boss of this great family journal knows, editors are past praying for.

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Our 'umble apologies to our contributor, Griff Jones, R.1, Ponoka, for having so long mislaid his masterpiece which follows. We hope to do better in the New Year, Griff, Old Top.

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A THOUGHT

The year has ended; Time's rolling on,
And whither wending shall be known anon
In that vast space we call Eternity —
The Past that was, is now, and then shall be.

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It appears that the Fon of Bikon is to be let alone by the U.N., "because he has enough troubles in handling his hundred wives at one time." What do they mean by troubles, snorts the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest. A guy with that number of sweetie pies should have lots of Fon even in Bikon.

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On the other hand, says Wally, our incurable bach., that particular Bikon should be a red light warning all single men to keep away.

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Chuck of Chuckawalla has discovered that Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, is not the photographic type. Nope, says he, she gives nothing but negatives.

Pooh, pooh, snickers Goldie, Chuck simply hasn't got the right developing technique.

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That followed many weeks of drying days.
Will be a boon for next-year crops to grow

Though harvest operations it delays;
Skies overhead may now be blue and fair
But underfoot is mud near ev'rywhere.

—Griff Jones.

OUCH! OUCH!! OUCH!!

We see by the papers that a 16-year-old gal named Evadia Space of San Diego, Calif., is entertaining thousands with her acrobatic dances. So, of course, Evadia is no evadis of Space.

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Pardon us for mentioning it, but The Bad Egg of Crow's Nest informs us that at this season of the year you can be too full of yourself when you're only half full.

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Dispatch from Knowle, Eng., states that Mrs. Mary Meecham's hen, Pertelotte, stopped laying after producing a regular quota for three years. The bird had turned into a rooster. Although Pertelotte had had plenty to cackle about, she just thought it was time to crow about it.

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I desire no sad oration;
Let no one mourn my loss,
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The westerly wind's sad sighing,
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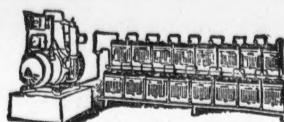
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